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Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chair, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and  
Human Services, Education and Related  
Agencies  
House Committee on Appropriations  
2358-B Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Labor  
Health and Human Services, Education and  
Related Agencies  
House Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Cole:

As you prepare the fiscal year (FY) 2023 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, I respectfully ask that you consider my community project requests, listed in order of receipt:

1. \$721,130- DOL- Employment and Training Administration- The Community College of Baltimore County (CCBC) requests Congressionally Directed Spending to invest in the college's capacity to expand the current CDL-A training program. The request includes one-time costs such as the purchase of a tractor and a trailer for training, a straight truck with manual transmission for training, an office and classroom trailer expansion, and support to train students. The CDL program driving range is centrally located and within CCBC's Transportation Training Center at Tradepoint Atlantic. With Baltimore County being home to the third highest number of transportation, distribution, and logistics employers in Maryland, CCBC creates a pipeline of workers trained to meet regional in-demand jobs. CCBC would like to expand the program's capacity to support more women, veterans, and at-risk populations in need of a living wage career, and support the trucking industry. Currently, the college has outgrown its capacity to meet demand, and wait-listed students must wait 10 months to begin training.
2. \$950,000 – Department of Education- Postsecondary Education- Towson University Teacher Workforce Initiative- There is a significant teacher shortage in Baltimore County and throughout the state of Maryland. This grant program will allow Towson University to target transfer students and career changers with a focus on under-served populations.
3. \$401,615- Department of Education- Office of Innovation and Improvement- The National Aquarium is requesting \$401,615 in Community Project Funding for statewide conservation educational programming. Specifically, the National Aquarium is seeking

support for the following programs: Terrapins in the Classroom; AquaPartners; outreach programs; and professional development for instructors. Public support would allow the National Aquarium to reduce barriers to access for these educational programs, including fees, to increase access to schools who are currently unable to participate. In a typical year, these programs serve more than 13,000 participants and cost around \$30 per participant. One quarter of program participants come from schools located in Qualified Census Tracts, as defined by Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. In District 2 alone, these programs serve more than 2,600 participants.

4. \$1,500,000 -Health Resources and Services Administration- MedStar Curtis National Hand Center has plans to fully renovate the second-floor clinical area of our hand center. Completely transforming this space, our leading-edge design will incorporate industry proven features that result in improved patient flow, better patient outcomes, higher associate and patient satisfaction, enhanced teaching oversight of civilian and military fellows, and technological advancements in this medical subspecialty. The proposed new design will incorporate well lighted, open spaces that feature comfortable furniture and relaxing art with a larger, well-appointed patient and family area, a more efficient and logical layout, and optimized workspaces that utilize X-ray, ultrasound, and fluoroscopy equipment.
5. \$ 1,255,800- Department of Education- Postsecondary Education- Equipping Goucher College's New Life Sciences & Health Sciences Teaching Labs- The acquisition and installation of laboratory equipment to outfit Goucher College's new life sciences and health sciences teaching labs in its expanded science facilities to allow the College to admit and graduate double the number of students in its biology, biochemistry, chemistry, neuroscience, pre-nursing, pre-med, and post-baccalaureate pre-med programs.
6. \$420,000- SAMHSA-HSPS- Ashley Addiction Treatment-This AAT program would develop and deliver educational programs directed to middle and high school students in Harford County, Maryland. Ashley would work with local Boards of Education to coordinate the delivery of these programs to young people who need to learn the impacts of drug use on their health. Allocated funding would be used to develop the curriculum, hire staff, and measure the results.

Thank you for considering my requests. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to my staffer, Daniel Clayton, at [Daniel.Clayton@mail.house.gov](mailto:Daniel.Clayton@mail.house.gov) or at 202-225-3061.

Sincerely,



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